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SUBJECT: SPRING NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING: FRG DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE ON BERLIN AND GERMANY

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1. FRG CONCERNS OVER PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO GERMAN RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN INTERESTS ABROAD, DISCUSSED IN REFTELS, ARE REFLECTED ALSO IN THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE ON BERLIN AND GERMANY WHICH THE FRG REP HAS TABLED IN THE BONN GROUP. WHILE THE DRAFT IS UNLIKELY TO OBTAIN BONN GROUP CONCURRENCE -- THE FRENCH REP IS ALREADY PREPARING A COUNTER DRAFT -- WE REPORT THE TEXT BELOW AS AN INDICATION OF FRG FOREIGN OFFICE THINKING OF THE SUBJECT.

2. BEGIN TEXT

WITH REGARD TO BERLIN, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED
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VISITS ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THEY WELCOMED THE TRANSIT AGREEMENTS OF DECEMBER 19, 1975 BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES, WHICH PROVIDE FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN BERLIN TRAFFIC.

THEY DETERMINED THAT THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS OF FRANCE, THE UK, AND THE US, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR COMPETENCE CONCERNING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ABROAD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE NOT FUNCTIONING NORMALLY AND SMOOTHLY ONLY IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE USSR AND CERTAIN EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES. THE RESULTING DIFFICULTIES FOR THE BERLINERS, FOR THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN THE SENSE OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI CAUSED THE MINISTERS TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT ALL STATES WOULD ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE WORLD-WIDE PRACTICE, WHICH IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, CONCERNING THE REPRESENTATION ABROAD OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. END TEXT.
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